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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**Work Session  
Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 5:15 p.m.  
Marquette Senior High School Library  
1203 W. Fair Avenue**

**A G E N D A**

- **Call to Order**

A Work Session of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, December 2, in the Library of the Marquette Senior High School. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Alan Hawker at 5:18 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Members Present

Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	President (Arrived at 5:20 p.m.)
Norman Gruber	Trustee
Alan Hawker	Vice President / Chair from 5:18-5:20 p.m.
Scott Brogan	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee / Temporary Secretary
Laura Songer	Trustee

Member Absent

Mark Smith	Secretary-Treasurer
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Central Administration Present

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Deborah Veiht	Assistant Superintendent
Tim Yeadon	Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

Others Present

Director of Auxiliary Services John Kurkowski; two students; Cathy Calderwood; and Superior Productions Sound Technician

- **Approve Agenda**

**A motion was made by Scott Brogan and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

- **Board Work Session on Budget**

Kellie Holmstrom arrived at 5:20 and assumed chairing the meeting.

Jon Hartwig welcomed the meeting participants and attendees. He referred to a binder containing materials for Board members' review. He commented on the uncertainty of school funding for the current school year and future. He stated there is a need, at this time, for Board member discussion and sharing of perspectives and ideas.

A video entitled, "Facing Michigan's School Funding Crisis," produced by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, was shown.

The draft budget amendment was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that at the December 22 Board meeting, the Board will be asked to consider amending the current school year budget.

Mr. Hartwig presented on the following:

- 2009-10 Second Semester cost reduction options;
- Budget Reduction strategies;
- 2010-11 School Year forecasts.

Board Members / Administrators' discussion covered the following:

- Concept of a sinking fund millage;
- Concept of transferring money from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund. Concern was expressed about the impact this would have;
- Major changes / restructuring;
- The importance of expressing concerns to State legislators; it was mentioned that Mr. Hartwig has been in regular contact with Senator Prusi and Representative Lindberg;
- The need for a systemic change in State school funding;
- State school funding reductions this year, and the possibility of even greater cuts for 2010-11;
- MAPS' revenue has been around \$29-\$30 million each school year since 2005;
- Process for / impact of borrowing money;
- Suggestion to compare size of MAPS' administration to like districts;
- Athletic program / possible changes;
- Concern about health care costs;
- Cost of maintaining buildings no longer housing students;
- MAPS' grade alignment.

There was consensus among Board members that only obvious cuts should be made during 2009-10's second semester; and support was expressed for considering major reductions / changes for 2010-11. The Administration was asked to present numerous options to the Board, showing projected costs with and without various programs and items.

- **Comments from the Public**

None.

- **Board Member Comments**

None.

- **Board President's Comments**

Dr. Holmstrom expressed appreciation to meeting participants and attendees.

- **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Al Hawker and seconded by Norm Gruber to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 6-0; adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Kellie A. Holmstrom  
President

Alan Hawker  
Vice President

Tony Retaskie  
Temp. Secretary

Jackie Winkowski  
Recording Secretary